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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

New board forming to push ECC project

Supt. moving forward; mayor says funding still a year away

By Mike Lydick aan@turley.com

The School Department is forming a building committee for the proposed \$26.5 million Early Childhood Center, despite the fact that neither the mayor nor the City Council has taken a

stand on the project, or opened a discussion on how it would be funded.

Or perhaps because of that fact.

A new preschool and kindergarten building is a "dire" need but it's been "put on the back burner," said School Superindent William Sapelli. Frustrated by the lack of action since the School Commitee approved the project in June, he said, he decided to "take the bull by the horns."

Sapelli said he expects the building committee to play a valuable role in helping inform the public about the need for the facility — which would be the first new school in Agawam in more than 40 years. He added that the architectural firm that worked with the School Committee on the proposal, Habeeb & Associates, recommended appointing a building committee before any funding decision, based on its

experience with school construction projects.

Habeeb will help create posters and brochures that make the case for the new school. They could be distributed to PTO parents and senior citizens as part

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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Arts students, teachers pleased with \$100K auditorium renovation

By Mike Lydick

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Then Erin Hanson transferred to AJHS several years ago to teach chorus, she considered the auditorium "a palace" after using the cafeteria and gymnasium to teach elementary music in another district.

"I was amazed with the space and acoustics of the auditorium," recalled Hinson — but she soon realized it needed major improvements. "The curtains were literally crumbling and covered in dust. Some were completely missing and others didn't completely close."

New curtains were just part of a \$100,000 renovation over the summer that transformed the aging auditorium into a modern theater and performance room.

"When I was told they were going to renovate the space — including the sound system and lighting — I felt like it was Christmas morning," Hinson said. She added that updates to the auditorium, which serves as her day-to-day classroom, are "incredible," since major improvements such as this are rare.

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STRETCH CODE

Councilors ask for public input on 'green' building regulations

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

Two city councilors are asking their colleagues to rescind the energy efficiency building code they adopted last month.

At their Sept. 19 meeting, the council agreed 9-2 to adopt the Stretch Energy Code, a building code that would place requirements on contractors to make new buildings energy efficient.

Two councilors, Robert Rossi and Donald Rheault, voted

against the code. Rossi considered the code a bad fit for the town and said it gave the state control over another building code that the town could not change.

Rossi was overruled, but he and Rheault are proposing a resolution to rescind the Sept. 19 vote, arguing that the City Council never had a public hearing to take public input.

"It is something the Department of Energy Resources recommends and I think we should have the public hearing and allow

people come and give their input to this," said Rossi.

Rossi is still against the stretch code, but said he would follow public reaction to it, including if no one comes and speaks against it.

According to the procedure laid out by the council agenda, the proposal was to hold a public hearing at the Nov. 9 meeting. After gaining public input, the council would then entertain the resolution to rescind the code.

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Setting up a shot



Teammates Paige Hardy and Caroline Hitchcock, take a selfie together while running the Agawam High School girls volleyball team's tent at the Harvest Festival last Saturday. More photos, page 11. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A SCIRELLI



St. Pat's 'halfway' pub crawl a success

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee held its first pub crawl Saturday, Sept. 17 half a year from St. Patrick's Day. Participants began at the American Legion on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, then traveled by bus to Murphy's Pub, Kaptain Jimmy's Restaurant, Scoreboard Sports Bar and Grill, Buccaneer Lounge and ended back at the Legion for food and a live performance by Out of the Blue. Among the 85 people that turned out for this inaugural

event were past Colleens, award winners, and many Agawam residents.

Pub crawl committee members Laurie O'Connell, Laurie Wright, Nicole Bertera, Kaitlyn O'Connell, Doug Reed and Travis Carter planned this event, a fundraiser for the St. Patrick's Committee, which sponsors the Colleen pageant, civic awards and Agawam's float in the Holyoke parade. Organizers hope this will be an annual event.



Among those attending the pub crawl were Barbara Lussier, past committee president; Kaitlyn O'Connell, past Court member; Nicole Bertera, Anne Sullivan Awardee; Elizabeth Caracciolo, past Colleen; Rosemary Sandlin, committee member; Jess Colson, past Colleen, Alexis Lussier, past Court member; Courtney Rivest, past Court member; and Carly Michel, past Court member. SUBMITTED PHO-



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Property tax bills due Nov. 1

The second quarter preliminary real estate and personal property tax bills for fiscal 2017 are due in the collector's office by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1. Bills may also be paid online at www.agawam.ma.us.

Second quarter payment notices were mailed Friday, Sept. 30. By law, bills were mailed to owners of record as of Jan. 1. Any new homeowner or anyone who has not received a real estate or personal property tax bill should contact the collector's office at 413-786-0400, ext. 8218, to obtain the bill amount.

Town Hall is at 36 Main St., Agawam.

ChairFit class begins next month

Beginning in November, the Agawam Public Library will offer a drop-in adult ChairFit class at 10:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month, through May. The class will take place in the Community Room of the library at 750 Cooper St.

Led by Ryan Rackliffe from the West of the River Family Center, ChairFit is a basic beginner strength class focusing on the fundamentals of muscle strengthening including core and balance. All exercises include the use of chairs, light free weights and resistance bands. No registration is necessary and all fitness levels are welcome.

Town holds flu clinics

The Agawam Health Department will hold flu vaccine clinics Monday, Oct. 24, 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

The clinics are offered by appointment only and will take place at the Agawam Health Department at Town Hall, 36 Main St. To make an appointment, call 413-726-

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Drop-in hoops starting for adults

The West of the River Family Center will host adult drop-in basketball on several Monday nights the fall and winter in the Agawam High School gym, 760 Cooper St., Agawam.

Games will be played 8-9:30 p.m. on Oct. 24, Nov. 7, 14 and 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23 and 30, and Feb. 13 and 27. Ages 18 and up are welcome; the drop-in fee is \$3 per player. The schedule is subject to change based on AHS events.

For schedule updates and announcements, visit the West of the River Family Center Facebook page.

Tag sale to benefit Grange building

Community Grange 382 at 47 N. West St. in Feeding Hills will hold an indoor tag and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.



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Council President James Cichetti said he was going to hold the hearing on Nov. 21, but it would not have given the town's Planning and Community Development Department enough time to handle the result of a vote to rescind. The town is supposed to apply for state Green Community status by a Nov. 21 deadline. The town is currently in the process of renewing its audit for the application.

Councilor Gina Letellier argued that the council was wasting money advertising a public hearing if there is no vote to rescind the resolution.

'The public hearing is something that is suggested," said Letellier. "It's not required. We have not done anything wrong in this case."

She questioned spending money on advertising for the public hearing if it is not going to result in a rescinding

Councilor Christopher Johnson suggested the hearing still be held as a matter of formality, but suggested it could be held on Nov. 9 so it could be done and over with.

Rossi continued to argue for the public hearing.

Ultimately, Cichetti ruled that the public hearing would be held on Dec. 5, though the rescinding vote will come up as old business at Nov. 9 meeting. The rescinding vote was not referred to the Legislative Subcommittee, and also could be tabled until the full council holds the public hear-

Planning and Community Development Director Marc Strange said Tuesday afternoon the town will go forward with the application on Nov. 21 regardless of the action taken by the City Council.

If the town retains the stretch code and the Green Community application is approved, the town could receive grant funding for green energy initiatives.

DECORATIONS at Agawam Center Cemetery 820 Main Street, Agawam **MUST BE REMOVED** BY NOVEMBER 1, 2016 The Cemetery Will Remove the Remaining Decorations

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Chief Sirois will help judge dancing of 'Local Stars'

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Fire chiefs from Agawam and West Springfield will participate in this year's Dancing with the Local Stars as celebrity judges.

Alan Sirois of the Agawam Fire Department, and Bill Flaherty from West Side, will join dance professionals Diana Velaquez Frink and Lynn Jasmin on the judging panel next Friday, scoring and commenting on the performances by professional dancers and civic leaders from the two towns. This third annual event, to be held Oct. 28 at Storrowton Tavern, is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

Sirois participated in last year's event, partnered with Agawam pro Lynn Hadden-Quinn. This year's contestants include Agawam residents Don Calvanese, owner of Storrowton Tavern; Joseph Mineo, a city councilor; and Robin

Wozniak, executive director of the West of the River Chamber of Commerce.

Alan Sirois

Also dancing are West Springfield residents Dr. Jose Irizarry, Lynn McCarthy, Police Sgt. Brian Pomeroy, Sean Powers, Mayor Will Reichelt and John Sweeney. The eve-

ning's master of ceremonies will be Steve Nagle of WAQY-FM, "Rock 102."

Next Friday's program includes wine tasting and food stations 6-7 p.m., followed by the show at 7:30 p.m. Dancing for all will follow at

Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased at the West Springfield Federal Credit Union, 58 Union St. in West Springfield, or by contacting Nancy at 413-218-3696. As in years past, the event promises to be a sellout. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Storrowton Tavern Carriage House is at 1305 Memorial Ave., on the grounds of the Eastern

States Exposition in West Springfield.

AHS '66 to hold 50th reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1966 will hold its 50th reunion Saturday, Nov. 5, at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

For more information, visit the Facebook.com page for Agawam High School Class of '66. Those that have not been notified or are interested in attending may contact Ray Pond at 413-786-8746 or Randy McLean at 413-786-

Zumba for Baystate Children's

The West of the River Family Center will host a "Zumbathon" Saturday, Nov. 5, to benefit Baystate Children's Hospital.

Multiple instructors for the dance fitness program will be on hand at the gym, 63 Springfield St., Agawam, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participation is free for members and the standard \$5 drop-in fee for non-members. The event will feature raffles, snacks and water, and donations will be taken to benefit the hospital.





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Opinion

Clerks are winners in early voting

ust in time for the latest "most important election of our lifetime," our town clerk is making it much easier for Agawam and Feeding Hills citizens to cast their ballots.

This will be the first-ever election under Massachusetts' new "early voting" law, which allows voters to cast ballots at their town clerk's office — in Agawam, at Town Hall, 36 Main St. — during a two-week period before Election Day, from Monday, Oct. 24, to Friday,

The state regulations simply state that "early voting shall be conducted during the usual business hours of each local election official." But most towns — like Agawam — are truly embracing the spirit of the law and going beyond the bare-minimum requirement.

Even the smaller towns in our area will see their part-time clerks lay on additional hours for the next two weeks, but larger municipalities like Agawam, Holyoke, West Springfield and Westfield are giving their citizens the option of voting at their clerks' offices any time during business hours for the next two weeks, plus selected evenings, plus a true novelty — Saturday voting — on Oct. 29. In Agawam, residents of outlying areas of town don't even have to drive all the way to Town Hall: that Saturday voting, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is at the more centrally located Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Tuesday midday (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and Thursday evening (3-7 p.m.) voting will be at the Senior Center, 954 Main St., on Oct. 25 and 27; and at the library, Nov. 1 and 3. Opening these off-site polling places, particularly on dates and times when the Town Hall office will also be taking ballots, means hiring extra poll workers and spending time and effort coordinating. Our town clerk, Vincent Gioscia, should be commended for taking on such an ambitious schedule.

All told, Agawam will offer 100 hours of early voting over the next two weeks. That's the equivalent of having Election Day — a 13-hour affair in its own right, slated for Nov. 8 — more than seven and a half times.

Simply put, there's no excuse for not voting this vear. Work late hours on Tuesday? Stop in on Thursday evening. Schedule too tight with work, commuting and childcare every weekday? Bring the kids with you on Saturday. Can't find a single hour during daylight? Under the new early voting law, you can even apply for mail-in ballot without having to meet the traditional absentee voter criteria. Get started at www.sec.state. ma.us/ele.

Vote on Election Day, vote early or vote by mail — but vote! And thank your clerk for the opportunity.

What do you think? Send letters to the editor to aan@ turley.com.

Monday deadline for letters about election

Next week's newspaper will be the last edition of the Agawam Advertiser News to print letters to the editor endorsing candidates in the

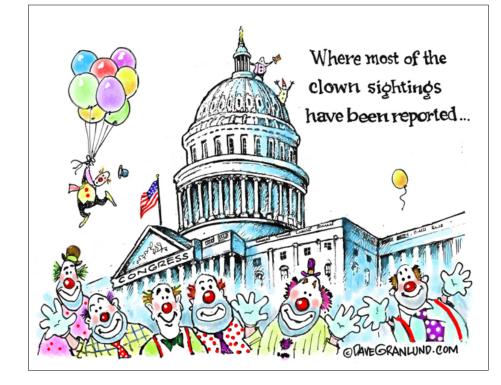
Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the November ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to Agawam Advertiser News, care of Turley Publications, 380 Union St., W. Springfield, MA 01089, faxed to 413-786-8457 or emailed to aan@ turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last week before the election (edition of Nov. 3). For more information, call Michael J. Ballway or Teri Machia at 413-786-7747.

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For more information, or to submit people or milestone news for Agawam Advertiser News, please email mballway@ turley.com.

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Letters to the Editor

How will candidates make property tax fair?

Although the Massachusetts Department of Revenue allows municipalities to set multiple commercial tax rates (i.e., mill rates), only one residential mill rate is permitted. A local option to have more than one residential mill rate would be more sensible. This would provide more local control to municipalities over their primary source of funding and a greater degree of fairness for different types of residential property (single family, multi-family, condominium).

Using condominiums as an example, most complexes are considered private property in their entirety and are not provided with services such as the following: Road plowing and repair services

- · Roadside sidewalk plowing and repair services
 - Street lighting
- Street catch basins
- Street drainage and sewage lines
- · Fire hydrant maintenance, marking and snow clearance
- · Trash hauling, bulk pickup and yard waste services

At the same time, individual owners in these communities are assessed property taxes on the same basis as all other residential taxpayers who do get the above services. Municipalities have no choice but to do so, due to the state mandate of only one residential rate, as well as the fact that assessed values for all residential property must be based on full market value.

If you support my logic, I encourage you to contact the candidates for state representative and state senator in your district and ask them how they'd "get the job done." They are our voices in Boston when it comes to limiting unfair state mandates such as this one. Nicholas Boldyga and Rosemary Sandlin are the candidates to be Agawam, Southwick and Granville's representative.

Donald Humason and Jerome Parker-O'Grady are the state Senate candidates in the 2nd Hampden District, including Aga-

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Voting no on Question 2 best for town, students

I am writing to ask all Agawam voters to vote no on Question 2 regarding charter schools, because it is in the best interest of Agawam to do so.

There is a lot of misleading information being presented by those who favor increasing the cap on charter schools. The reality is that millions of dollars are drained from public schools every year to charter schools. Agawam lost \$208,590 and is projected to lose \$219,658 for the 2017 school year.

The problem is that the town does not save the cost of educating those students. When one or two students leave a classroom throughout our schools, the system does not save anywhere near the amount of money that leaves with them. The cost for the teachers, buildings and all related costs remain the same, but now must be met with that much less money. Understanding this, the Agawam School Committee voted to support "no" on Question 2.

Charter schools have historically taken very few students with special needs, and although the number has increased slightly, the reality again is that students with the greatest, most costly needs remain in the public schools.

Our public schools have elected school

boards. Charter schools do not, thus have no accountability.

Another important fact is that the state has not met the current cap on charter schools, and given the limited number of such schools approved every year, will not do so for a very long time. There is no need for this to be passed at this time, however lifting the cap as proposed will make it more appealing for profit-making entities who want to privatize education in this state for their own benefit.

With current funding, we cannot afford the longer school day and year that make such a difference for students. Opening more charter schools will drain even more money, leaving those students remaining in the public schools with even less resources. I agree wholeheartedly with the statement that a child's education should not depend on a lottery. To have two separate and unequal systems of education is not good for Massachusetts, and would end up costing the state much more money in the future.

Please go to www.saveourpublicschoolsma.com for further information.

> Corinne M. Wingard Agawam



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Letters to the Editor

Workout facility has something for everyone

I am so thankful Agawam has our wonderful facility, West of the River Family Center. I'm not sure many people are aware of all this facility has to offer. There are numerous exercise machines, including treadmills, bikes, ellipticals, weights and many upper and lower body machines. Classes are many and varied — cardio (beginner and up) yoga, stretching and relaxation, Zumba, even chair fit for more mature ones or basic beginners (although still a thorough workout), to name a few. Plus a juice bar with smoothies and protein shakes for after your workout.

The personnel and instructors are so welcoming and never make anyone feel self-conscious. There are also fun activities for kids, so that they may not even know they're

For more information, just call 413-366-5050 or better yet stop by 63 Springfield St., Agawam, (old Food Mart) and check it out. You'll be amazed at what you see and surprised at the very reasonable prices. Come join us, get fit, and have some fun.

> **Janet Shannon** Feeding Hills

Firehouse Museum thanks all who visited this season

On behalf of the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum, I would like to thank all those who stopped by to visit our wonderful museum this year. Many came to see the special exhibit celebrating the centennial of the Eastern States Exposition and to share memories of the fair. While here, they were also treated to many artifacts from Agawam's rich history.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who generously share their time throughout the year to maintain and staff the museum. We are now closed for the season and will reopen in April 2017. Please visit our website, www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com or follow us on Facebook.

Anne Liptak

Archivist, Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum

School Committee meeting

Roberta G. Doering School 68 Main St. Tuesday, Oct. 25 — 7 p.m.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Executive session 6:30 p.m.
- (Contract negotiations) 3. Moment of silence
- 4. Roll call of attendance
- 5. Regular meeting 7 p.m.
- 6. Citizen's Speak Time
- 7. Highlights on Education: a. Advanced Placement update
- S. Trahan
- 8. Superintendent's Notes
- 9. Student Advisory Committee representative update 10. Unfinished business:
- a. SCR-16-27. Approval of AJHS Trip to Washington, DC from April
- 17 to April 21, 2017 11. Business meeting
- a. Routine matters

- 1) Approval of minutes
- 2) Calendar/Correspondence
- b. Warrants/Transfers
- c. Reports:
- 1). Scheduled reports:
- * Personnel update (paper report) * Financial update - R. Clickstein
- * 2016-2017 School year priori-
- ties W. Sapell
- 2) Subcommittee updates 12. New business:
- a. SCR-16-27, Approval of AHS Graduation on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at 1 p.m. at Symphony
- 13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee 14. Adjournment

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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

The '61s' 55th reunion, part 2

Walt Willard

These '61s attended their 55th reunion on Sept. 24:

Art Hastings still lives in Feeding Hills. He said he was the youngest of 17 children. They might have a few cousins.

Vivian (Faye) Govoni had a few laughs when her husband Ed and the comedian-ventriloquist Mike Lawson traded jabs. Mike Lawson is from Enfield and he sure made me laugh as he kidded and teased many of

Gary Harris came up from Old Saybrook, Conn. He lives eight months in Clearwater,

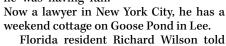
Fla. His mom Dorothy was my sixth grade teacher and his dad was my AHS principal in 1967.

Barbara (Charest) Biagini of Agawam lives five months at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Two of her grandchildren will be graduating from AHS in June. Barbara's sister Janice Garvey, also a '61, sat next to her.

Nice to see Carol (Crowley) Slate again. Carol plays golf and rides her two horses. She competes in horse shows and rides every day.

Mike Marieb, the one we turn to for information, didn't have far to travel from his Feeding Hills home. Retired from MassMutual, he and his wife Marilyn are very proud of their two collegegrad daughters.

Bruce Wein, who lived down the street from me in '61, sure looked like he was having fun.



Thomas Dion

me his sister Mary is also in Florida and is doing fine. Hadn't seen him in about 40 years. Ann (Tangredi) Drinkwine laughed

with me when we reminisced about the morning I brought her and my sister Janet to Bradley Airport at 5 a.m. Roy Cavallon, husband of Joyce Bois-

sonault, explained how the owner of the red truck with Cavallon on it is related to him and Ron Cavallon '64.

Kathy (Woods) Glassner lives across the street from her classmate Gary Janulewicz. How often does that happen after 55

years? Kathy has a set of triplets among her grandchildren. Gary is very active on the Veterans Council in Agawam.

Jack Phaneuf from Plymouth was very friendly as he explained his siblings to me.

Patty (Ramah) Shaheen came all the way from her home in Saginaw, Mich. She has three children and at least eight grandchildren.

Bob Rossi, retired Agawam police lieutenant, has four grandchildren and keeps busy on the City Council.

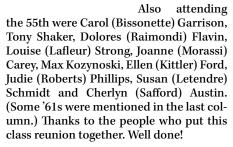
Jeanne (Josefiak), Gary Buell's wife, says that they have been to

Italy and also on cruises to the islands. Bob Magovern is still active in civic and political organizations. He helps out when we have questions about the Bodurtha family.

Sandy (Janello) Lafond came with her husband Jim '60. They still split their time in Naples, Florida and Niantic, Connecticut and keep busy keeping track of their six grandchildren.

Retired policeman Robert Swikalus

talked with me about our old neighborhood. He and Bob Decker lived across the street from Phelps School. I lived one street over and had to ride my bike down Willard Avenue to get to Phelps. If you check the Guinness record book you will see I have the cycling record for Willard Avenue.



Pam Montagna

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.

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Cesan, David T.

Died Oct. 15

Died Oct. 13

Agawam

Funeral Oct. 17

Evans, Craig A.

Died Oct. 12

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Died Oct. 10

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Funeral Oct. 20

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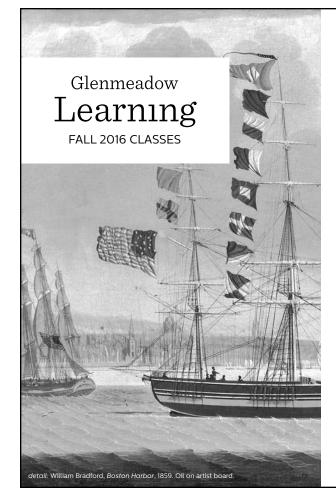
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Election 2016

The Agawam Advertiser News sent letters to Nick Cocchi, John Comerford and James Gill, the three candidates on the Nov. 8 ballot for sheriff in Hampden County, which includes Agawam. Their responses of up to 150 words each are printed on this page.

Nick Cocchi

Democrat from Ludlow Candidate for Hampden County Sheriff

1. How will your policies or management style differ from the longstanding previous sheriff?

Though I am part of Sheriff Ashe's administration and I have worked with him my entire professional career, there inevitably will be differences in our management styles, given our different backgrounds. I strongly believe in our successful programs and practices that have garnered national recognition around the country. I will continue to seek innovative new ways to serve the public and those entrusted to our care.

I have 23 years of correctional experience. If elected sheriff, I will be the first academy-trained sheriff to hold the position. As assistant superintendent of the department, I have real working knowledge of security management, inmate re-entry, budgetary oversight and a full understanding of all daily operational responsibilities. My management style will come from my experiences, my MBA, and from the mentorship of Sheriff Ashe. Working with the sheriff and the men and women we work with every day has been my most valuable education.

2. Is jail the right place for nonviolent drug offenders? What's the sheriff's role in fighting drug abuse?

Nonviolent drug offenders should be diverted into treatment beds rather than incarcerated in a hard jail cell. I do not want to further criminalize nor institutionalize drug addiction. Drug addiction is a disease. We cannot incarcerate our way out of this problem.

The most effective role the sheriff plays in fighting addiction is the intense educational and treatment programs we are nationally recognized for that serve those in our custody. I believe that the sheriff's office can play an even larger role in this horrific substance abuse epidemic. The Hampden County Sheriff's Department has proven success in treating addiction and providing oversight and follow-up to fight against relapse. I will venture into every city and town in the county with new efforts to provide our expertise to those in need. We want to provide treatment to those who need it in the community, not just those who are incarcerated.

3. Is jail overcrowding a concern in our county? What program or policy would you put in place to fix or avoid overcrowding?

Presently, overcrowding is not an issue in our facilities. We've had a 36 percent drop in offender population over the past decade. Our recidivism rate for this past year is 33.5 percent, which is 30 percent better than the average for other Massachusetts county jails. We are well below the national average of 49.7 percent.

I will continue our successful programs. We return offenders back to their families and our community prepared with housing and new employment skills. We stress and enforce the importance that they attend all support and wrap-around service agency appointments.

Reentry starts day one of incarceration. I oversaw the first reentry housing unit at the Sheriff's Department. I have a strong understanding of what obstacles our offenders will face going back to the community and how to overcome them. The cost savings to the taxpayers for this success is significant. It costs approximately \$55,000 per year to incarcerate, versus successful reentry.

4. What specifically makes you a better candidate for this position than your opponent?

I believe I'm the best candidate for this job because of my 23 years of knowledge and experience in all aspects of correctional security, correctional supervision and correctional operations. I have worked as a correctional officer; I have worked as a correctional supervisor. I earned every promotion the hard way and I presently serve as assistant superintendent, overseeing the daily operations of the department.

My master's in business administration and my understanding of the department's extensive financial structure are keys to my ability to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Hampden County. I believe that I have the strongest resume to be the next sheriff of Hampden County. My campaign has been endorsed by many of Hampden County's local law enforcement agencies, as well as the Massachusetts State Police Association, the Massachusetts Police Association, the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association and many more community groups.

Candidates for Hampden County Sheriff







John Comerford

James Gill

Iohn Comerford

Republican from Palmer **Candidate for Hampden County Sheriff**

1. How will your policies or management style differ from the longstanding previous sheriff?

My management style is one of hands on; I like getting involved in the operation of any department to which I'm charged. I understand there is a morale problem among the staff at the jail, and I intend to get to the bottom of that issue and do everything in my power to rectify the situation and bring back a sense of unity to the Sheriff's Department. This can be done easily by just listening to the staff; they are on the front line and they should and will be listened to; their ideas and suggestions are vital to the safe and efficient operation of the jail.

2. Is jail the right place for nonviolent drug offenders? What's the sheriff's role in fighting drug abuse?

We need to keep in mind, there's generally a reason someone has been sentenced to jail; oftentimes there's other crimes committed along with drug offenses, and the $\,$ person committing these offenses, and having been found guilty and sentenced, has to do the time as has been ordered by the court. The sheriff has no business getting involved with the sentencing aspect of a defendant. If someone has been sentenced for drug offenses only, then I think a stay at a clinic dealing with addiction is in order; that, however, is something for the district attorney, probation and the judge to decide, and needs to be done on a case-bycase basis. I'm not certain of th role of the sheriff in fighting drug abuse. I intend to bring in experts in the field of addiction to clarify what that role should be.

3. Is jail overcrowding a concern in our county? What program or policy would you put in place to fix or avoid overcrowding?

In all the time I have been campaigning for the job of sheriff, not once has there been any mention of overcrowding in our county. With that, if it were to become an issue, I would address that and find ways to resolve the issue. One thing I would not do is sign onto an early release program. If someone is sentenced to jail, they can plan on being a guest of the county for the length of time to which they were sentenced.

4. What specifically makes you a better candidate for this position than your opponent?

My background is law enforcement; I'm former chief of investigations for the welfare fraud bureau, an investigator with the attorney general and I was in charge of campus police at Westborough State Hospital. I was also civilian lieutenant in charge of securty at the federal courthouse in Springfield. I intend to introduce the office of sheriff to law enforcement once again. I look at the job a bit differently: I want to create a countywide patrol unit to help keep the good people of Hampden County safe; this patrol unit will work hand-in-hand with the police officers of the cities and towns of our county. With a \$71 million budget, this can be done quite easily Lalso want to address the fact that 57 people at the sheriff's office make \$100,000 per year; to me, it seems the management of the department is top-heavy.



James Gill Independent from Wilbraham **Candidate for Hampden County Sheriff**

1. How will your policies or management style differ from the longstanding previous sheriff?

My vision as sheriff includes a leadership style of management that is consistent with my practice of the past 25 years, which has consistently shown a strong support for staff, introducing policies that increase offender accountability, create a visible path for career advancement and create an opportunity for family member participation in the offender rehabilitation and recovery process at the start of the incarceration period. My vision as sheriff for 2017 through 2022 includes a focus upon my four-point plan to (1) reduce return-to-prison rates, (2) strengthen offender rehabilitation through accountability, (3) no early release for violent and repeat offenders and (4) eliminate wasteful spending. These four points are each supported by five action steps, along with 32 additional actions to benefit staff for immediate implementation.

2. Is jail the right place for nonviolent drug offenders? What's the sheriff's role in fighting drug abuse?

I do not believe that jail is the right place for nonviolent drug offenders. Jail should be reserved for the most serious, dangerous, violent and repeat criminal offenders within Hampden County. Last year, 70.9 percent of this department's offender releases were held on nonviolent charges. Therefore, my vision as sheriff includes the creation of an alternative sanctioning center to serve as a diversion to incarceration for certain categories of nonviolent offenders. I believe that the sheriff's role in fighting drug abuse is to support local legislation and state-wide initiatives that seek to do the same, and to maintain a substance abuse program as a component of correctional care.

3. Is jail overcrowding a concern in our county? What program or policy would you put in place to fix or avoid overcrowding?

A recent FBI report has revealed that certain major crime rates have decreased in our county. Although we are currently experiencing an increased ratio of 3 to 1 percent in our pre-trial detainees above those that are sentenced, it would appear that there is a spike in new crimes committed. As sheriff, I would create jail diversionary programs, increase the use of our electronic monitoring program with mandatory in-home confinement, and work with our local courts and judges to identify offenders that should be considered for a lower bail status as measures for avoiding overcrowding. I would also place an increased emphasis upon offender participation in evidence-based programs as requirements of rehabilitation and personal accountability to ensure that incarceration not only produces an attitudinal change, but that it is also seen as a less than desirable place to be.

4. What specifically makes you a better candidate for this position than your opponent?

What sets me apart from my opponent and makes me a better candidate for this position includes the highlights of my 25 years of experience in this sheriff's department without disciplinary incident, my stability and level of maturity, an earned master of science degree in criminal justice administration with membership in the Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, my having written curriculums, created, instructed and supervised offender programs that have served 83,372 offenders, maintained a successful student retention ratio in the 90th percentile for my programs annually, serving as primary hostage negotiator, managing budgets, hiring and supervising staff. Lastly, my not being a Democrat or Republican allows me to be in the middle position and thereby place a higher value upon saving and changing lives over political agendas. I respectfully ask for your vote as ... "The People's Sheriff." Thank you.



Public Safety

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 80 EMS calls from Oct. 4 to Oct. 10, and the following emergency response calls.

On Oct. 4 at 11:32 a.m., the department responded to High Street for lockout.

On Oct. 4 at 12:44 p.m., the department responded to Nicole Terrace for building fire.

On Oct. 4 at 7:02 p.m., the department responded to Cosgrove Avenue for smoke detector activation, no fire

On Oct. 6 at 12:26 p.m., the department responded to Walnut Street, was dispatched and canceled en

On Oct. 6 at 12:55 p.m., the department responded to Lealand Avenue with no incident found on arrival at

On Oct. 6 at 2:51 p.m., the department responded to Broz Terrace for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Oct. 7 at 11:47 a.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for public service.

On Oct. 8 at 12:46 p.m., the department responded to Main Street to assist invalid.

On Oct. 8 at 2:45 p.m., the department responded to Memorial Drive for public service.

On Oct. 8 at 3:46 p.m., the department responded to Garden Street for outside rubbish, trash or waste fire.

On Oct. 8 at 5:59 p.m., the department responded to Lealand Avenue for false alarm or false call, other.

On Oct. 8 at 6:41 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries. On Oct. 8 at 6:51 p.m., the department responded to Bridge Street for extrication, rescue, other.

On Oct. 8 at 11:10 p.m., the department responded to Main Street to assist police or other governmental

On Oct. 9 at 2:09 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On Oct. 10 at 11:20 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for water problem, other.

On Oct. 10 at 12:43 p.m., the department responded to River Road for lockout.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 320 calls for service from Oct. 10 to Oct. 16, including the following two arrests.

Sunday, Oct. 16

Theresa Wegiel, 47, of Homer Street, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Stephanie Arnold, 25, of Olive St., Cumberland, Rhode Island, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Early voting begins Oct. 24

The town clerk's office has announced that early voting will begin Oct. 24 and continue through Nov. 4, including evening and weekend polling hours.

Any registered voter in Agawam or Feeding Hills may vote early, in person or by mail. Voting in person will be at Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from Oct. 24 through Nov. 4; and during the following dates and times at other sites:

• Tuesday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam.

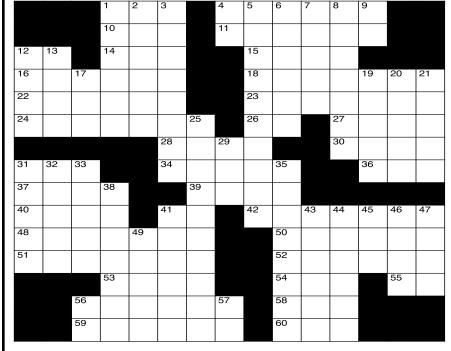
• Thursday, Oct. 27, 3-7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

· Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

• Tuesday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library.

· Thursday, Nov. 3, 3-7 p.m. at the library.

To request an early voting ballot through the mail, fill out the application form at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele; they should be mailed to Town Clerk, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Not him
- 4. Discrimination against older people
- 10. A team's best pitcher
- 11. Hard aromatic seed of an East Indian tree
- 12. San Francisco
- 14. Superhigh frequency
- 15. Not fat
- 16. A movable indicator on a computer
- 18. Endings

kind

- 22. Rapper Iggy 23. Environmental
- 24. Agent of downfall 54. Adam's wife
- 26. Spanish be
- 27. Rocky Mountain herb

- 28. and void 30. Uprising
- 31. Automatic teller machine
- 34. European country
- 36. No seats available 37. Make sense of a
- language 39. Sea eagle
- 40. One of Thor's names
- 41. Public relations
- 42. Chitchat
- 48. Metal alloys
- made of copper and zinc
- 50. Explain 51. Canned fish
- 52. Of the nervous
- system
- 53. Surrounded by
- 55. Thallium 56. Called
- 58. Monetary unit

- 59. If not
- 60. Very fast airplane
- **CLUES DOWN** 1. Bother
- 2. Sounds caused by 31. Members of a reflections
- 3. Abstains from
- 4. Article
- 5. Intuition 6. Ideas of right and wrong
- 7. Group of chemicals
- 8. Elected official
- 9. Magnesium 12. Inspect
- 13. Initiates function (military)
- 17. Los Angeles footballer
- 19. Decomposition of a cell
- 20. Spartan Magistrate

- 21. Treaty organization
- 25. Supplants
- 29. The common gibbon
- Semitic people
- 32. Small tropical fish 33. Of the cheek
- 35. Closeness
- 38. Consider to be unworthy 41. Of the penis
- 43. Plural form of beef
- 44. Able to speak or write a language
- 45. Body part 46. Information
- 47. Communicate information 49. Nabran village
- 56. Of (French)
- 57. Darmstadtium

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of a marketing plan, Sapelli said. The firm also suggested a "grandparents" campaign that would "inform older family members and residents about the need for adequate space to properly educate the district's youngest learners."

Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen said the earliest he could propose funding for the new school would be for the fiscal 2018 budget, which would take effect in July 2017. He said the town is near its annual borrowing limit for 2016, with \$8 million for the new high school track as well as non-school items, such as a new ambulance.

AJHS site

Many of the 14 to 16 people on this committee that Sapelli hopes to have in place by the end of the year will be members of the feasibility committee that has been assessing the need for a new Early Childhood Center for the past year.

However, Sapelli said he also wants to include other community stakeholders on the building committee. He's looking for parents of preschoolers, pre-K special education teachers, senior citizens, and other residents who can help build support for the school.

The feasibility committee has already reviewed much of the "nuts and bolts" technical details for the new school. Together with Habeeb & Associates, it examined various site options, building sizes, and costs.

The firm presented its final report to the committee at a late September meeting. After reviewing the report, which included many of the various options the firm had developed, Sapelli said the committee agreed on the following site, size, and funding recommendations:

- · The "most cost-effective" building site is land in front of the junior high school in Feeding Hills. No land would need to be cleared, as would be required at Clark School, the second preferred site, and there are no drainage or utility concerns. Another plus is shared space with the Granger School playground area. The School Committee had previously identified the Clark School parcel as its preferred site.
- The most "appropriate" space requirement solution is a 63,000 square-foot building (\$26.5 million). Two other options were considered, one with 55,000 square feet (\$23.4 million) and another with 50,000 square feet (\$21.3 million), but both would eliminate a media/parent center, a gymnasium, and would not provide space for
- meetings or parent forums. • The "best" funding option is building the school with local funds, independently of the Massachusetts School Building Au-

thority. MSBA would not fund any portions of the new building that are used for prekindergarten students - including common areas — and additional time requirements to receive partial funding could take up to five years, even if Agawam were accepted into the grant program as soon as possible. That delay would increase costs by 3 percent each year because of rising construction costs.

'Not simple'

Although the School Committee has voted to support building the new school, funding it would require an increase in the property tax, to be voted by the City Council. Before councilors can take vote on the project, Mayor Richard Cohen must present a funding proposal.

Cohen said he has an obligation to consider the taxpayers and what they can afford to pay, and the impact that a large capital project would have on other parts of the town budget.

"It certainly is not as simple as just presenting the resolution to the council for funding without all of our due diligence being completed, which includes the impacts on everything," he said.

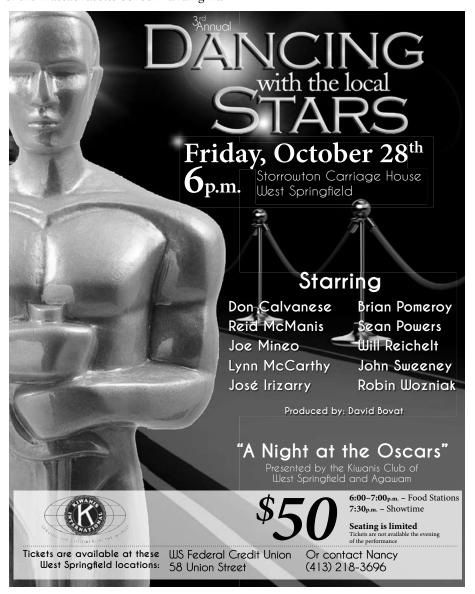
He said nothing will be proposed before the 2017 calendar year, as Town Hall's attention is focused on the immediate next annual budget.

'The next months ahead are busy setting the FY17 tax rate, evaluating the new solid waste proposals, completing negotiations, and so forth," he said. "This issue is something we will look at during FY18 budget projections, at which time I will take into consideration the tax rate impact, funding needs, debt service and insurance costs, and contractual obligations."

Although the 12-member feasibility study committee began studying options for replacing the ECC last October, Sapelli said concerns about its inadequate space aren't new. The current Early Childhood Center is a converted office building at Perry Lane Park that opened as a preschool in 1994.

"The need has existed for the last 10 to 15 years," he said. "During the past four to five years, overcrowding has gotten worse, forcing some classes to move to Granger

and Clark schools." The new school would not only replace an overcrowded ECC, but also free up room at the four elementary schools, since their kindergarten classes would relocate to the new building. The new school would serve approximately 350 students - 100 preschoolers and 250 kindergartners.



Family Center to host pizza party, games for Halloween

The West of the River Family Center will host a Kids Halloween Party from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. Parents and children are invited for a night full of fun and games, including arts and crafts, spooky games, a costume contest, a pizza party with snacks, and Halloween candy.

This is a free event for WORFC members, with a \$5 drop-in fee for non-members.

The West of the River Family Center is at 63 Springfield St., Agawam. For more information, visit www.westoftheriver.org.

Gallagher hosting kids Halloween party

Gallagher Real Estate, at 351 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam, will host a Halloween party for children up to age 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Parents are invited to bring their children in costume for candy, coloring, crafts, a gift for mom and dad and refreshments.

Colleen contest open to ages 17-22

Applications for the 2017 Agawam St. in continuing their education. Applicants Patrick's Colleen coronation are now available. The purpose of the pageant is to promote a sense of Irish awareness and spirit in the community of Agawam. The Colleen and her court will participate in activities throughout the "Irish season," culminating in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Applicants must be single, between the ages of 17 and 22, have no children, must claim Irish ancestry and have an interest must be residents of Agawam or Feeding

The pageant will take place Feb. 12 at Chez Josef in Agawam. Applications are available at Agawam High School, Agawam Public Library, Town Hall, Cooper's Gifts, and on the Facebook page of the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee.

The application deadline is Dec. 16.

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 24: Chicken bowl with whipped potatoes, seasoned corn, homemade gravy, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Oct. 25: Buffalo chicken patty, lettuce and tomato, Tater Tots, celery and ranch, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Chicken filet wrap served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Oct. 27: Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled

Friday, Oct. 28: Cheeseburger grinder, lettuce and tomato, French fries, fresh and chilled fruit.

> **AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL **AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Monday, Oct. 24: Mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce, whipped potatoes, garlic knot, assorted Tuesday, Oct. 25: Mini pancakes and cheese omelet, sausage link, hash browns, assorted fresh fruit, strawberry cup.

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Asian stir fry (seasoned chicken with vegetables over rice), cake, orange segments, fortune cookie.

Thursday, Oct. 27: Junior high - Barbeque rib on a hoagie, Tater Tots, chickpea salad, fresh and chilled fruit. Doering and elementary - French bread pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Oct. 28: Junior high — French bread pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie. Doering and elementary - Barbeque rib on a hoagie, Tater Tots, chickpea salad, fresh

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday through Thursday, Oct. 24-27: Assorted low-sugar cereal, assorted nutrigrain bars, mozzarella cheese, assorted muffins, juice or milk.

Friday, Oct. 28: Assorted pancakes with syrup, string cheese, fresh fruit, juice or milk.

AHS COUNSELING BULLETIN

Visiting college representatives

Students interested in meeting with any of the following college or university representatives that will be visiting Agawam High School must sign up at least one day in advance in the Counseling Center.

Oct. 21, 9:20 a.m., Albertus Magnus

Information opportunities

Sunday, Oct. 23: George Washington University invites students and their family to an information session taking place at the Boston Marriott Newton at 1:30 p.m. Attendees will hear about the unique research, internship, service and study abroad opportunities, along with information about GW's admissions process. RSPV by calling the Office of Admissions at 202-994-6040.

Open houses

Many colleges are hosting events in the next few weeks. Check the Counseling Center for more informa-

Special interest programs

The American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid applications, both in-person, at Centers and over the phone (877-33-.4348). Additionally, the Boston College Planning Center is holding FAFSA Workshops every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Federal Student Aid ID

> Workshops every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. More information is available by calling Kristi Pierce at 617-728-4608.

New England School of Photography is hosting

an open house Saturday, Nov. 5. The NEOP Professional Photography Program is 100 percent focused on building working, professional photographers, offers an unparalleled comprehensive education in the art, technique, and business of photography. RSVP by Nov. 3 at openhouse@nesop.edu or 617-437-1868.

The Providence College Department of Theatre, Dance & Film is hosting an Open House for interested students on Friday, Nov. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 401-865-2327 for information on the program or to set up an audition/interview appointment.

Western New England Department of Social Work will be hosting an informational luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Learn about internships, meet with students and faculty, and explore professional career options with a BSW degree. To register, visit visit.wne.edu.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be hosting a Women in Aerospace Engineering program on Sunday, Nov. 6. Meet MIT students and professors, tour aerospace labs, learn practical aerospace skills, and hear about working in the industry. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to high school girls. Email wae-exec@mit.edu for more information.

New England Institute of Technology will be hosting a series of Career Education Days to help students learn more about their potential careers — Automotive Day, Oct. 21; Construction Day, Nov. 18; Engineering and Communications Day, March 3; Health Day, April 7. To register for any of these events go to NEIT.edu/Career-Education.

Springfield College will be hosting a free Game Lab Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 22. This program will allow students to talk with video game industry experts, experience the field firsthand, and get to see how games are made/what it takes to make a game of their own. Register at springfield.edu/gamelab.

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Thursday, October 27th, 6-8 pm Workshop: **Get Ready for Retirement**

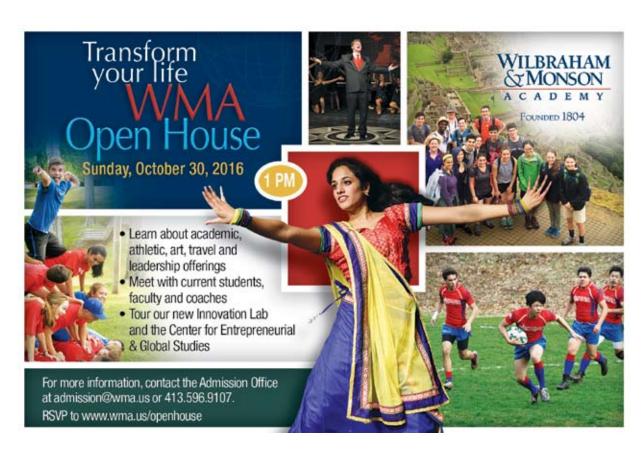
Whether you're planning on retiring in a few years or already retired this workshop is for you! We'll discuss claiming social security, creating retirement income, 401K and 403B rollovers, investment fees and much more. Bring your questions!

Agawam Public Library



Susan Allen Please call 413-386-7071 or email sallen.allenfinancial@hotmail.com to reserve your space.

Seating is limited







AUDITORIUM **■** from page 1

Renovations — the first since the school was built more than 40 years ago — include new energy-efficient and longlasting LED and colored lighting, a new sound system and speakers, and new curtains.

Hinson isn't the only one giving the new auditorium positive reviews. Several eighth graders in the chorus - who remember what the auditorium looked like during their rehearsals and performances last year — discussed the changes during their chorus class Oct. 7.

"I feel so wonderful coming to chorus now. I like the new look a lot — the matching colors of the curtains and walls give the auditorium a more professional look," said Kate Matuza.

Added Christian Fisk: "The old colors were ugly — nothing matched. It all blends together now in a nice harmony."

Marisa Deslauriers calls the sound system a "huge" improvement. "You can actually hear and understand what we're singing. The quality is so much better."

Brandon Spaulding said the renovations made a good auditorium much better. "This makes our auditorium the best one of all Agawam schools."

The project started last November and was completed over the summer when town maintenance workers added the final touch: new paint to cover varying shades of pink and mauve with a color to match the new curtains.

State funding

The project had been on the school's "wish list" for the past five years, but with no room for it in the town's budget, School Superintendent William Sapelli sought assistance from Agawam's state legislators, state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, and state Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield. They secured a state grant last year to pay for the project.

Without their support, we wouldn't have been able to get this project completed," said AIHS Principal Norm Robbins. Late last month, Boldyga and Humason toured the revamped auditorium to check out the changes, and were impressed with what they saw.

"I was floored when I walked into the new auditorium," said Humason last week. "When we first visited the auditorium, it was difficult not to notice how dated the room was, from the stage and curtains to the sound system and lights. This new, up-to-date facility stands in stark contrast to what it was before."

Humason said he was "thrilled" to work with Boldvga to help renovate "such a great space that students, staff, and members of the community will enjoy for years to come."

Boldyga also commented last week on the renovation



Last October, state Sen. Donald Humason, far left, and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, far right, delivered the \$100,000 state grant to renovate to the school's auditorium. Joining them were, from left, Ed Jacques, AJHS tech education teacher and drama club set designer; Erin Hanson, AJHS chorus teacher; Norm Robbins, AJHS principal; Lisa Bruno, AJHS librarian and drama club assistant; and School Superintendent William Sapelli.

project, saying he was "honored" to work with Humason and Sapelli to fund the renovations. "It looks amazing. But the best part was seeing how proud the kids were of their auditorium and how much they liked the new look. That was great," he said.

"Students absolutely love it — especially the new curtains and the new colors. They're glad the old 'Pepto Bismol pink' curtains are gone," said Robbins. "It feels like a true functional auditorium that has been reborn."

Robbins said coordinating the project around chorus and band class schedules was difficult. The school worked with a sound company to train drama coordinators to use the sound equipment and lighting systems to develop scenes for performances.

"The lights and sound are also a plus for events, concerts and assemblies," he added.

Mural gone

A full-stage mural of a mountain scene that had served as a background since the school opened in 1973, and resembled something out of "The Sound of Music," is gone. The mural was painted over with a solid color so that the stage background matches the curtain.

"I'm glad it's gone, "said Kate. "The auditorium looks more professional and the audience can focus on the performance — not on a distracting background."

Brandon agreed, adding, "The mural was out of place. It often clashed with events on stage, especially when we had a winter concert."

"It's all really thanks to Superintendent Sapelli who fought for this — along with everyone else who was involved, from Principal Robbins to Senator Humason and Representative Boldyga," said Hinson. "I feel very lucky to teach in a space that has had much thought and preparation put into it as well as to work in a school district that truly cares about and supports the arts."



Earlier this year, AJHS Principal Norm Robbins looked over a painted sample of the new dark gray color that was used to cover the original shades of pink and mauve on the auditorium walls. The repainted walls — which complement the new curtains — were the final touch in a \$100,000 renovation completed this summer. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK







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Curry College is hosting an informative evening about the college search process: Navigating the College Search for Students with Learning Differences on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Michelle Bracken (mbracken@curry.edu) or 617-333-2210.

Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College are again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in each semester through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering the Advanced Placement Program to qualified students. Tuition is waived and students pay only a registration fee of \$20 and a technology fee of \$50. Registration for the spring 2017 semester should be submitted before Jan. 17. For more information, contact the registrar at 413-265-2314.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: 2017 Profile in Courage Essay; U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program; Skidmore College; Ronald McDonald House Charities US Scholarship Program; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Big Y Scholarship; American College Foundation; B. Davis Scholarship.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Words of wisdom

"You can and will do great things if you believe in yourself ... and try." - Mrs. Chamberlin, Special Services

Fifty-fifth for '61s



The Agawam High School Class of 1961 held its 55-year reunion banquet Sept. 24 at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. Forty classmates and 18 guests attended the festivities. The reunion committee decided that this will be the last formal reunion for the class of '61, but didn't rule out the possibility of joining with other Agawam High classes for a combined reunion at some point. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY SUSAN T. WCISLO / 413-530-941







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HALL OF FAME

A legacy created with inaugural Hall of Fame

By Gregory A. Scibelli ascibelli@turlev.com

or a woman of action like Debbie Lickley, an induction as part of the inaugural class of the Agawam High School Athletic Hall of Fame was not something she was looking for.

But she was among a host of inductees that were honored last Sunday afternoon in a ceremony held at the very gymnasium where many of them made their contributions.

The Hall of Fame was the brainchild of current Athletic Director David Stratton, his mother and former Agawam teacher Rosemary Stratton, and Joanne Brown. The three formed a committee chaired by Rosemary Stratton. The committee vetted applications and arrived on an inaugural group that met a set of criteria agree on by the committee.

Lickley was among various types of inductees, going in as one of the most successful coaches in school history. During her time as a softball coach in

the 1990's, she won four Western Mass. Championships.

But that was not where her legacy ended. She was also responsible for mentoring and developing another successful coach, current skipper Kathy Georgina. Georgina has won multiple sectional titles, including four in just the last five years.

"I came on as her pitching coach," said Georgina. "But I learned everything I knew from

She described Lickley as the type that led by example and put a great emphasis on teaching the fundamentals of the game. Georgina also said Lickley's influence is still active with the different traditions the team observes, such as team cheers and chants during games.

She also said Lickley was not the type who sought out recognition for what she has done, making her more than deserving of the induction in to the Hall of Fame. Among coaches inducted, Lickley was the only female.

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Hall of Fame inductee Debbie Lickley with current Agawam softball coach Kathy Georgina. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY



Sam Rubacha tries to work the ball out of Agawam's end while goalie Nikki Bates watches the play. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Brownies outslug Tigers

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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AGAWAM - On Tuesday afternoon, the offense went wild at Agawam High School's new turf

Fortunately, South Hadley is used to having new turf.

But unfortunately, the Tigers were not on the right end of the offensive explosion. The Brownies would break out for four goals in the second half and defeated South Hadley 7-3 in a key independent matchup for both teams.

'South Hadley plays in the Central League, but they are a very tough opponent," said Agawam coach Karen Gomez.

The Brownies managed to jump out to a 3-0 lead in the first half, and it appeared everything was going their way. But South Hadley would score late in the

first half to cut the lead to 3-1.

That did not look too bad for Agawam, but South Hadley's penalty corner opportunity at the end of the first half is what made the game a lot closer.

Time expired when the corner was called, and the rules dictate the penalty corner must play out until a team scores, or the defending team clears the ball out of the circle.

South Hadley grabbed the goal in this case on a shot by Hannah Menard and the Tigers only trailed 3-2 at halftime.

The game was a lot closer until Agawam broke out in the second half as Nina Bruno, Nicole Mercadante, and Kristen Fellion all scored to put the game out of reach.

The offensive action was fast

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FOOTBALL

Colts score twice late in first half, beat Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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AGAWAM - The high school football playoff picture is starting to come into focus and it appears that Chicopee Comprehensive High School is going to be able build off their recent success and ride into the Division 2 tournament this year.

Last Friday night, the Colts cemented their spot firmly in first place as they defeated Agawam High School 34-14 to remain the only undefeated team in the AA Conference.

Comp's two late scores in the second quarter were the turning point in the matchup, as the two teams were deadlocked in a 7-7 battle for the majority of the second quarter. After a fumble and an interception and a couple of turnovers on downs ate up most of the second quarter, Comp finally got some momentum going very late in the quarter, right after getting a turnover on downs. The Colts put together a few good plays in a row, and then quarterback Trevor Johnson would throw a 26-yard pass to far right corner to Josiah Pernell for a touchdown to make it 14-7.

The Brownies had a chance to drive down the field in the final 1:30 of the half with most of their timeouts, but an interception by Kenneth Mitchell would spell the end of the drive quickly, and a 20vard pass from Johnson to Mason Labonte would make it 21-7 at the end of the first half.

With the momentum clearly

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Jared Durocher attempts to return a kickoff. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREG-ORY A. SCIBELLI



Mike Basile makes a pass for the Brownies.

Sports

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The ceremony was held in the Clifford P. Kibbe gymnasium. Kibbe, was of course, among the inductees. He passed away in 2010. He was a physical education teacher as well as a longtime athletic director who introduced the soccer and wrestling programs to the school.

The 1951 football team was also represented at the event. The team, which was coached by another inductee, Harmon Smith, represented Agawam at the Peanut Bowl in Columbus, GA in a showcase

John Morassi was a junior guard on that team and said it was one of the best experiences of his life. He said he appreciated the Hall of Fame induction with his teammates. With him proudly was his grandson, current senior running back Chris Morassi.

"This day is huge for my grandfather and his teammates," said Chris Morassi. "He was a great player and has helped inspire me to do the best I can on the field."

The ceremony included a luncheon followed by the induction of the members by David Stratton and the committee.

Mayor Richard Cohen, Superintendent of Schools William Sapelli, and City Councilors Donald Rheault all attended. High School Principal Steve Lemanski said he thought the Hall of Fame was a great idea.

"I think the establishment of this tradition is a great thing," said Lemanski. "I think it will help instill a lot of pride among our current athletes as well."

Former Athletic Director Lou Conte, who recently had the new all-weather



James "Turk" Bruno receives his plague from Gerry O'Keefe. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DANI-

track named for him, credited the committee for putting on a great event.

"Athletics are a glue to school system," said Conte. "We learn from our past athletes and it is important to recognize them. I think this Hall of Fame is a great idea."

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in their favor, the Brownies would struggle on defense in the second half, and the Colts would continue to add to their lead.

With 3:30 left, Labonte got a rushing touchdown with a short run. After another lost possession from Agawam, Johnson would make a 38-yard touchdown pass to Derek Girouard on the very last play of the third quarter to make it 34-7.

Mike Basile was able to connect with Chris Morassi on a 20-yard touchdown pass in the fourth with 2:23 left, but there was not enough time for the Brownies to mount a comeback.

The two teams were deadlocked early in the game after Johnson scored on a one-yard run for the Colts and Chris Morassi came back with a five-yard run for the Brownies.

Each team was making mistakes before the Colts' scores at the end of the half changed the momentum.

Comp did a good job shutting down Agawam's running game at times, and the Brownies switched up their approach and went to the air on a few occasions. Basile went 9-of-22 in the air for 98 yards and a touchdown. Morassi led the Brownies with 64 receiving yards and 138 rushing yards.

Johnson had a great night for the Colts, going 11-of-20 for 210 yards and three touchdowns. Labonte led Comp with 100 yard receiving and Corey Heath led the team in rushing yards with 62.

With the win, Comp is now an impressive 6-0 with a perfect 3-0 AA record. The



Mike Basile punts the ball for Agawam. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Colts will host Central on Oct. 21 with a chance to shore up the conference title if they can win.

Agawam drops to 4-2 (2-1 AA) and travels to Longmeadow. Both games are at 7





Zack Williams tries to make a block on the line.



Agawam running back Chris Morassi with Hall of Fame inductees Roger Leclerc and John Morassi. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Hall of Fame Committee members Joanne Brown and Rosemary Stratton present Hall of Famer Kristen Hutchinson Patterson with her plaque. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DANIELLE STRATTON

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Tuesday, Oct. 11 **Boys Soccer**

Agawam 3, Northampton 1 **Field Hockey**

Agawam 7, South Hadley 3

Minnechaug 166, Agawam 167

Boys Cross Country Agawam 20, Gateway 41 **Girls Cross Country**

Agawam 22, Gateway 33 Minnechaug 24, Agawam 36

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Golf

East Longmeadow 151, Agawam 163 Thursday, Oct. 13 **Girls Soccer**

Northampton 2, Agawam 0 **Field Hockey**

Agawam 2, Northampton 0 Girls Volleyball Agawam 3, West Springfield 2

Golf Holyoke 156, Agawam 165

Friday, Oct. 14 **Football**

Chicopee Comprehensive 34, Agawam 14 **Boys Soccer**

Pope Francis 3, Agawam 2

Monday, Oct. 17 **Boys Soccer**

East Longmeadow 1, Agawam 6

Girls Soccer Agawam 0, Chicopee Comprehensive 0

Field Hockey Minnechaug 3, Agawam 2

Girls Volleyball Agawam 3, Sabis 0

The Week Ahead

Thursday, Oct. 13				
Girls Soccer				
Agawam at Northampton	6 p.m.			
Field Hockey				
Northampton at Agawam	4 p.m.			
Golf				
Agawam at Holyoke	3:30 p.m.			
Girls Volleyball				
Wast Springfield at Agawam	6 n m			

West Springfield at Agawam Friday, Oct. 14 Football Chicopee Comp at Agawam 7 p.m. **Boys Soccer** Agawam at Pope Francis Saturday, Oct. 15

No games scheduled Sunday, Oct. 16 No games scheduled

Monday, Oct. 17 **Boys Soccer**

East Longmeadow at Agawam 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Agawam at Chicopee Comp 7 p.m. Field Hockey Agawam at Minnechaug 4 p.m. **Girls Volleyball** Agawam at Sabis 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Golf East Longmeadow at Agawam 3 p.m. Girls Volleyball Agawam at Minnechaug 5 p.m. **Cross Country**

East Longmeadow at Agawam 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19 **Boys Soccer** Amherst at Agawam 6 p.m. **Girls Soccer** Agawam at Longmeadow 6 p.m.

Agawam at Amherst

U10 boys win weekend tourney



The Agawam Wolves F.C. U10 boys soccer team won the 2016 Paul R. Cody Columbus Day Tournament in Windsor, Conn. The Agawam Wolves went undefeated in the tournament taking first place. Pictured left to right: Top Row: Coach Stephen Ritson, Joseph Culhane, Adam Ross, Vincent Catelotti, John Cote, James Zgherea, Coach Jason Eisenbeiser. Bottom Row: Lucas Ritson, Dennis Nesen, Oliver Eisenbeiser, Eric Nazarets, Gavin Shlosser. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS SUBMITTED

COLLEGE NOTES

Monahan takes 14th in Western New England meet

SPRINGFIELD - Westfield State University women's cross country placed third at the 22-team Western New England Invitational on Saturday.

Owls' senior Ashley Monahan (Agawam/ Springfield, Mass.) covered the 5K course in 20:19 seconds, finishing 14th amongst 242 runners and first for Westfield State.

Sophomore Lindsey Wassung (Feeding Hills/

Agawam) finished in 23rd place and second for the Owls after traversing the course in 20:43. Sophomore Lauren Izabel (Enfield, Conn./Suffield) clinched 37th place in the race and third for Westfield with a time of 21:12.

The University of New England won the team title with a score of 17, followed by Roger Williams (126) in second and Westfield State (150) in third.

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and furious as each team would use the turf field to play the ball fast.

Agawam opened the score in the first 10 minutes with a goal by Mercadante. With 11:42 remaining, she scored again with the teams in transition. Sydney Mazza made a good hit from the right side toward the left post. Mercadante would score on the re-direct to make it 2-0.

The third goal came at the 8:21 mark as Mazza took a pass from Fellion from the far right. Mazza was set up in the middle, received the ball, turned to the goal and scored into the open side of the goal to make it 3-0.

South Hadley managed to break through

on a penalty corner with 6:59 left. Julia Miele would take a pass from Menard squeezed it into the left side of the goal.

3 p.m.

Olivia Wilson had South Hadley's other goal.

Mercadante had the hat trick for Agawam with three goals and Mazza finished with three assists.

Nikki Bates had a big day in goal with 20 saves. She had several kicks out of the box, but South Hadley continued to pressure throughout the game.

South Hadley's Brittany Cote had nine saves in the defeat.

Agawam qualified for tournament with the win while South Hadley dropped to 6-4-2, still needing four points in their final six games to qualify for the tournament.



Goalie Nikki Bates kicks the ball out of the circle. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Erika Sypit fights for possession.



Grace Frogameni tries to block the path of the South Hadley offense.



Bianca Toto changes directions to get around the South Hadley





Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@ turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Friday, Oct. 21

TALES FROM HAUNTED NEW ENGLAND, 7 to 8 p.m., in the Storrowton Village Meetinghouse on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$5; under 6 free.

ALBANY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW today and tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Mallary East and West on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS today through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. No admission.

WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY'S GUEST LECTURE SERIES welcomes its first musical performer of the season. Haitian American composer, singer, and conductor Sydney Guillaumeat 6 p.m., followed by the concert from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Dever Stage in Parenzo Hall.

Saturday, Oct. 22

CRAFT AND ANTIQUE FAIR from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Southwick Regional School, 93 Feeding Hills Road. Proceeds to benefit school Europe trip. For more information contact Caren Harrington at the school, 413-569-6171.

Sunday, Oct. 23

HOMEWARD VETS will host the first Dog Tag Dash 5K Fun Run-Walk at School Street Park in Agawam. Family-friendly event with activities for children. An obstacle course free for kids under the age of 10. To register, visit www.runreg.com/dogtagdash.

THE SMALL PLANET DANCERS will present a singing and dancing program to commemorate World War I at 2 p.m. at Southwick Town Hall Auditorium, 454 College Highway. Free and open to the public. Sponsored in part by a grant from the Southwick Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass. Cultural Council.

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB's semi-annual Coin Show takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dante Club, 1108 Memorial Ave., West Springfield across from the grounds of the Big E. For more information, contact Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

TROY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Mallary East and West on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admis-

Wednesday, Oct. 26

PROFESSIONAL BEATLES MUSIC SCHOLAR Aaron Krewrowicz will present "The Beatles: Band of the Sixties," at 6:45 p.m. at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road. Funded by the Friends of the South-

WEST OF THE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will host Food Fest West from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Tickets are \$25 in advance at www.westoftheriverchamber. com, or \$35 at the door. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 413-426-3880 or info@ westoftheriverchamber.com.

Thursday, Oct. 27

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Garry Brown's Greatest Hits" featuring Garry Brown, longtime local sports editor, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

THE RIVERHEAD KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free

THE TSASA OCTOBERFEST HORSE SHOW from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Sunday in Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Friday, Oct. 28

LOCAL ARTIST DENISE GRIFFIN will offer an adult watercolor painting workshop from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Southwick Public Library's Community Room, 95 Feeding Hills Road. \$15 per person, with a portion to be donated to the library. All necessary materials provided.

QUEENSBORO KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and tomorrow in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Saturday, Oct. 29

HAUNTED HOUSE at Heritage Woods Senior Living from 2 to 4 p.m. at 462 Main St., Agawam. Children are welcome to wear costumes and take a walk through the haunted house. For more information, call 413-786-9704 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

A HALLOWEEN PARTY in the Tolland Public Safety Complex, 206 W. Granville Road. The party is open to the public and will feature a hayride, juggler, arts and crafts and snacks and pumpkin carving.

COMMUNITY GRANGE 382 at 47 N. West Street in Feeding Hills will hold an indoor tag and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.

"A WALK WITH SOUTHWICK SPIRITS" will be held at the Old Southwick Cemetery at 2 p.m. Local people in costume will tell stories about the people buried in the cemetery. Park at the New Southwick Cemetery and wear comfortable shoes. \$5 for adults to benefit the Southwick History Museum. For more information, contact Connie at 413-569-6140.

ANTIQUE AND MODERN FIREARMS SHOW today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$11 with online coupon; children under 12 free with parent/guardian.

Sunday, Oct. 30

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB HARVEST BREAKFAST from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under, available at the door or from any Lions Club members. Free parking.

THE RIVERHEAD KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

COFFEE WITH MAYOR COHEN from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Hosted by West of the River Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

THE DIVERSITY SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with featured speaker John B. Herrington, astronaut and retired U.S. Navy commander, at 10 a.m. in the Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

Friday, Nov. 4

THE SMALL PLANET DANCERS will perform at the Agawam Senior Center at 7 p.m. as part of the Applause Series presented by the Agawam Cultural Council. The Senior Center is at 954 Main St. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.agawamcc.org.

Saturday, Nov. 5

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION CRAFT FAIR from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 1st Congregational Church at the rotary in East Longmeadow. Lunch available. Free parking.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

THE OVATION SPEAKERS SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with MB Caschetta, renowned author of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender literature, at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Saturday, Nov. 12

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ Church United Methodist, 222 College Highway, Southwick.

Sunday, Nov. 13

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-

Saturday, Nov. 19

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH annual Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Knights of Columbus will be serving food on Saturday. Free parking available behind the church for all. For more information, call 413-569-0162. The church is at 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick.

ALL-DAY CARD WORKSHOP to benefit the Westfield Athenaeum at the Central Baptist Church, 115 Elm St., Westfield from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All materials provided. Advance registration required. Participants should bring their own lunch, or money to order from Two Rivers Burritos. To register, contact Sandra at stampinsandra@

"UNDERSTANDING YOUR BEST FRIEND" with Phil Klein, certified dog listener, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Suffield Senior Center, 145 Bridge St. Bring questions, but not your dog, to this free program. Register at 860-668-3896 or online at suffield-library.org.

Legals

AGAWAM PLANNING **BOARD** LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Rowley Street Development Trust for a Definitive Subdivision Plan for property on Rowley Street (D'Amato Way).

By Order of Mark R. Paleologopoulos, Chairman AGAWAM PLANNING **BOARD**

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Legal Ad **AGAWAM** CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a

public hearing on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA.

The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Paliy for an Amendment to the Order of Conditions for 116 Adams Street, for work subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

10/20/16

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING **AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL**

The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at 7:00 pm, at the Roberta G. Doering School,

68 Main Street, Agawam, MA to consider the adoption of a Residential Tax Factor pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on October 13, 2016.

> The Resolution (TR-2016-63) is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. It is also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA and the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF: James P. Cichetti President of the City Council 10/20/16

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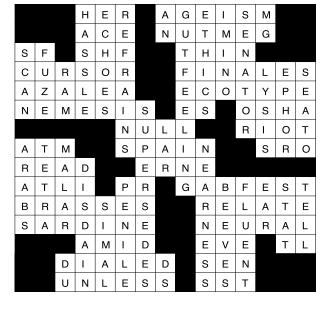
Legal Ad AGAWAM **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6:40 PM at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA.

The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Tirone for an Amendment to the Order of Conditions for Tanglewood Lane, for work subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman **AGAWAM** CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu Monday, Oct. 24: Hamburg and gravy over mashed potatoes, corn, bananas.

Tuesday, Oct. 25: Roast pork with apple and cranberry stuffing, dilled carrots, applesauce. Wednesday, Oct. 26: Eggplant parmesan, garden

salad, baked good. Thursday, Oct. 27: Chicken tetrazzini over egg noodles, peas, pears.

Friday, Oct. 28: Potato crunch fish sandwich with lettuce and tomato, tater tots, pudding.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Oct. 24: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing, Halloween candymaking; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., winter car care check with Mark Whitney (Coffee Shop); 1 p.m. Evening activities cancelled for health fair set-up.

Tuesday, Oct. 25: No morning classes. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Annual Health Expo (Veteran's Hall and updatirs); noon, ladies only billiards; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner

Wednesday, Oct. 26: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m., exercise; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice (subject to change); 6 p.m., cancer support group; 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.

Friday, Oct. 28: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., Let's Paint; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., poker.

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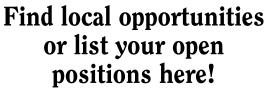
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Our Town

All smiles

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Oct. 9 as part of the grand opening of Cornerstone Kids Dentistry, 332 Suffield St., Agawam. Among those in attendance were, from left, Dr. Andrea Fallon, Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas, Dr. Stefanie Aquilina, Mayor Richard Cohen and Dr. Joseph Walz. SUBMITTED PHOTO

'71s celebrate 45th



The Agawam High School Class of 1971 celebrated its 45th reunion Sept. 17 at Casa di Lisa in Feeding Hills. This photo was taken by Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, one of the class's former teachers, who was a guest at the reunion. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Big E awards Cecchi



David Cecchi of Agawam, center, received the Friend of the Big E Award at a special reception at the exposition on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Cecchi, a local historian, penned the book "The Big E: Eastern States Exposition," part of Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series. He is also the outgoing president of the Ad Club of Western Massachusetts. Pictured with Cecchi at the ceremony are Noreen Tassinari, Big E director of marketing, and Gene Cassidy, Big E president and CEO. SUBMITTED PHOTO





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The 3rd Annual Western Mass Mom Prom **FUN 21+ LADIES' NIGHT OUT FOR CHARITY!**

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for local breast cancer research and support. Please nominate a Survivor on our webpage into the drawing to come for free!

THE 2015 EVENT ON OCTOBER 3RD, WE RAISED \$5,000 and HOSTED 21 SURVIVORS!

Follow us on Facebook: Western Mass Mom Prom **DATE: Saturday Night, November 12th, 2016** TIME: 6:00 p.m. - Midnight LOCATION: Springfield Marriott (Reduced Room Rates; call 781-7111)

TICKETS \$70 each*. (*Or SAVE by purchasing a TABLE of 10) Tickets Include: complimentary signature drink ticket, sit down dinner, DJ, Raffle Prizes, and a Photo Booth.

Log on for details and to purchase tickets through PayPal at: www.westernmassmomprom.com In need of sponsors for 2016 event!

(Last year, 250 people came!) Please contact chairwoman Crystal Miller at: cmiller337@comcast.net THANK YOU!

TEMPORARY PROM DATE AUCTION! (State Rep. John Velis participating)



Send your photo and wedding date to:

BRIDAL GUIDE, Attention: Beth Baker, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or e-mail bbaker@turley.com and be sure to put Bridal Photo in subject line.

If you would like your photos returned please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Photo must be received by December 2, 2016.



Adam Kiefer & Maggie Shea Green Bay, WI/Wilbraham April 16, 2016



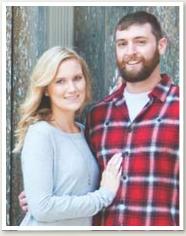
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Date of Wedding:



Lisa Mues & Daniel Distler Warren/Rock Point, NY **September 16, 2017**

Tables available for holiday fair to aid DC trip

Agawam Junior High School will host its annual Holiday Crafts and Vendor Night from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16. Proceeds from the event will help support the school's Washington D.C. Club trip.

Applications are available for vendor tables. Over 30 vendor tables will be set up during the seventh- and eighth-grade

conference night, allowing families to meet teachers as well as get some holiday shopping done. The cost for a vendor table is \$40. Applications are available at the Agawam Junior High School page at www.agawampublicschools.org or by calling Lisa Bruno, school librarian and D.C. Club advisor, at 413-821-0561.

Crafters sought for Nov. 19 Christmas bazaar

Vendors are being sought for the Sacred Heart of Christmas Craft Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$20 for an eight-foot table and vendors are asked to donate a craft for the chance auction.

For more information, contact Joanne at 413-786-7919 or jjcappa@aol.com, or Mary

at mscherpa@comcast.net. Reservation forms will be emailed and are also available at the Parish Center and in the vestibules of the church. The event is a craft sale, not a tag sale.

Sacred Heart Parish is at 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.



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